South Indian languages programme in Doordarshan

2866. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of time allotted to programmes which are telecast on Doordarshan for South Indian languages like Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada and Hindi; and

(b) what are the steps Government propose to take to remove imbalanced, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Support price for seeds

2867. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the support price for seeds has been raised recently; and

(b) if so, what is the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) The Government does not fix any support price for seeds and, hence, the question of the support price for seeds having been raised recently does not arise.

National Co-operative Consumers Federation

2868. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received during the last three years by Government on the functioning of the National Co-operative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF);

(b) what is the nature of the complaints received;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government are taking or proposed to take to improve the functioning of the Federation?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The National Co-operative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. is an autonomous cooperative institution at national level with an elected Board of Management. The Department of Civil Supplies, as the administrative department received complaints and allegations on administrative, business and financial aspects of the functioning of NCCF and they were looked into. In order to find out the deficiencies in the working of NCCF and to suggest remedial measures on inspection of the NCCF was conducted by a Joint Secretary of this Department. The report submitted by Joint Secretary, containing various recommendations for improvement of the functioning of the NCCF is being considered by the NCCF.

Radio Kashmir

2869. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what measures A.I.R. envisages for widening the listening range of the Radio Kashmir in far flung and remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): In its draft 7th Plan proposals, AIR has included the following schemes for Srinagar & Jammu to increase the listening range of the existing Transmitters in the region:

1. *Srinagar:*

(1) Replacement of existing 7.5 KW SW transmitter by 50 KW SW.